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SEN. SCHAUER ANNOUNCES JACKSON CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING TO RECEIVE \$120,000 IN FUNDING TO ASSIST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

LANSING – State Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Calhoun, Jackson counties) announces that the Michigan Department of Career Development (MDCD) has awarded a total of \$120,815 in federal and state grants to the Jackson Center for Independent Living to help people with disabilities live more independently and be successfully employed.

The funds will enable the nonprofit community organization, which is operated by and for people with disabilities, to maintain and expand information and support services in Hillsdale, Jackson and Lenawee counties.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), a division of MDCD, works with community organizations such as the Jackson Center for Independent Living in a mutual goal of assisting Michigan residents with disabilities into the workforce.

MRS operates 36 offices throughout the state that provide direct job preparation and placement services for persons with disabilities. Independent living grants are being issued to 15 organizations across the state this fall.

The Michigan Department of Career Development is the state agency charged with providing the skilled workforce Michigan needs to enhance and maintain its economy. For more information about the Michigan Department of Career Development, visit the Department's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdcd or call 1-866-MY-GOALS.

To contact the Jackson Center for Independent Living, please call 517-784-1723.

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Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.